*Gran Torino* Analytical Essay

Name:

Due Date:

You are to watch the film *Gran Torino*. After watching, you are to write a 1000 word analytical essay answering one of the questions listed below. Your responses must be typed and must include a bibliography.

1. What does it mean to be a hero? Does Walt Kowalski fit this definition? If yes, why? If not, why not?
2. The Korean War changed Walt’s disposition forever. Does war have any beneficial purpose in society?
3. Religion is rejected by Walt until the end of the film, when he acts as a sacrifice. Why has religion become less important in modern society?

This is an analytical essay that means rather than supporting your points with your own opinion and examples from the film, you have to conduct research outside of that to prove each point you make. For example if you choose option two, research some major wars – why they were fought, what was won and lost from each war and historians perspectives regarding whether the war was beneficial to any country and why. This information needs to be referenced in your essay using the Harvard system (in your course outline) and then included in your bibliography.

This essay will be assessed on the following criteria:

1. Communicate accurately in a range of modes.

7. Compose and craft a range of texts for different purposes and audiences.

8. Collect and categorise information.